

REMARKS

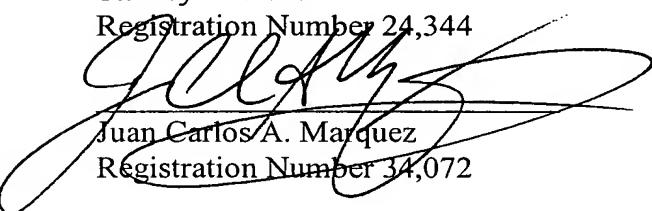
The above election along with the following remarks are being submitted as a full and complete response to the Official Action dated September 9, 2003, the period for response to which will expire on October 9, 2003. The Examiner is respectfully requested to review the substance of Claims 1-8 and to indicate the allowability of the claims.

Claims 1-8 drawn to a semiconductor integrated circuit device have been elected in this application, while claims 9-12 are withdrawn from further prosecution without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants hereby reserve the right to file a divisional application on any or all of the non-elected claims.

Substantive consideration of the elected claims is respectfully solicited. Should there be any outstanding issues requiring discussion that would further the prosecution and allowance of the above-captioned application, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's undersigned representative at the address and phone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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